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The Senate met at 9:32 a.m. on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chaplain will now deliver the opening prayer.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

The Psalmist gives us a timely word for this pressured week, "Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will sustain you."—Psalm 55:22.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we come to You with our burdens. You know that we all carry both personal and professional burdens. Beneath the surface of studied composure, we all have loved ones for whom we are concerned, friends who are troubled, and unresolved problems about which we find it difficult to stop worrying.

At many different levels, we feel the tension of finishing the work of the 106th Congress. The election approaches with additional burdens for Senators running for reelection. Challenges here do not let up, and the problems in the state mount up. Meanwhile, peace of mind is up for grabs as we struggle with differing agendas for the legislation before the Senate.

Lord, could it be that if we all—Republicans and Democrats, Senators and

staff—stopped in our tracks and really asked for Your help, You would intervene and help this Senate achieve unity with both excellence and efficiency? In our heart of hearts we know You would, and will, if we ask You with a united voice of earnestness. Dear God, bless this Senate. We relinquish our control and ask You to take charge. It's hard to be willing, but we are willing to allow You to make us willing. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable MIKE CRAPO, a Senator from the State of Idaho, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Kansas is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, today the Senate will begin debate on the conference report to accompany H.R. 3244, the sex trafficking victims legislation. I want to start this discus-

sion and debate off with thanking my good friend and colleague, Senator PAUL WELLSTONE. He and I have worked together on this bill the entire year. We have come at this from different points of view. I think we have worked together and come up with an excellent proposal and package. I hope for unanimous support from the Senate.

We got near that in the House, with a vote of 377-1. I have spoken with that one person who deeply regrets voting against us on this bill. It was actually for another provision that was in the bill. This is an important piece of legislation.

The sex trafficking victims legislation is here under a previous order, and there will be up to 7 hours of debate on the conference report we are going to discuss. Senator THOMPSON will raise a point of order against the report and is expected to appeal the ruling of the Chair. Therefore, a vote on the appeal, as well as a vote on adoption of the conference report, is expected to occur during this afternoon's session. The Senate will also consider the VA-HUD appropriations bill and the conference report to accompany the Agriculture appropriations bill, with votes on both expected to occur prior to today's adjournment.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

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